

Cochran Grange, Bank Barn
U.S. Route 301, 1 mile west of
Middletown and Route 71
Middletown Vicinity
New Castle County
Delaware

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Delaware	COUNTY New Castle	TOWN OR VICINITY St. Georgea Hundred Middletown vicinity
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Cochran Grange, Bank Barn (Beers, <u>Atlas</u> , 1868)		HABS NO. DE-208-B
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Route 301 (south side) approximately 1 mile west of Middletown and junction of routes 301 and 71.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1834 (oral history and construction)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The Cochran Grange bank barn represents the partial acceptance of a popularly prescribed agricultural building form into an area of intensive agricultural reform. Built to consolidate agricultural functions, the barn actually functioned in the manner of an old style English barn.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Common bond brick; common rafter roof carried on strut supported double braced posts and purlins.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) see measured drawings.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Earthen ramp leading up to hay storage floor on north elevation; common bond masonry with arcaded stable entries on ground level of south elevation; later roof covering.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Common rafter roof with through-purlins carried on double braced struts; mid 19th graffitti of Jersey oyster schooner painted on east runway wall; plank walled hay mows.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Mid 20th-century milking parlor, one-story in elevation added to east gable end and deleted from drawings for clarity.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Excellent: hay barn.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) D.G. Beers, <u>Atlas of the State of Delaware</u> , 1868. National Register of Historic Places Delaware Rural History Project		
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